

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1:30 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room  
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

**MINUTES**

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., September 9, 2014.

Present: William Finley, Kelli Hardesty, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, John Johnston, Madhurendu Kumar and L. Todd Perry, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel, and Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: William Meaney and Daisy Pate, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Finley made a motion to accept minutes of August 26, 2014 meeting. Perry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Discussion ensued regarding the spacing of renewals and balance maintenance.

Honorary Title: Johnston made motion for a permanent title of Chairman Emeritus in honor and respect of past chairpersons be established. Motion seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: Discussion ensued concerning the Officers and combination of the Secretary and the Treasurer. Graham confirmed the Board's officers are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Graham confirmed the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be same person. Perry made a motion for Executive Session. Seconded by Hardesty. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:48 p.m. to discuss the character of the nominees to be voted for the year beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Board Meeting resumed at 2:55 p.m.

Johnson nominated Kumar for Chairman, Hardesty seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Perry nominated Johnston for Vice Chairman, Hoover seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Johnston nominated Johnson for Secretary, Hoover seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Finley nominated Johnson for Treasurer, Hoover seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, the officers of the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientist are Kumar – Chairperson; Johnston – Vice-Chairperson; Johnson – Secretary; and Johnson – Treasurer.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Recommendation was made for listed numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, and 40 to be licensed. Disclosure of 22 introduced and discussed. Johnston made motion to approve recommendation of the Application Review Committee. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Hardesty stated that those noted needing further information need not to be discussed at this time. Hardesty then presented those listed that do not have the required education or work experience. Discussion ensued on each applicant listed. McNicholas presented what information she had obtained from MS licensing board. Discussion ensued concerning options to address an applicant’s lack of geoscience education/work experience, presentations to the Board and clarification of what education credits count. Hardesty noted which applications need further review of the committee as a whole. Discussion ensued concerning number 30. Perry made motion to approve for licensing. Seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Johnston informed Board that Annual Fiscal Report has been submitted to the state and distributed to the Board. GoDaddy’s Good As Gold account fee information was presented by Johnston. Johnston made motion that LBOPG open a GoDaddy’s Good As Gold account to pay for the annual renewal of the domain names of [www.lbopg.org](http://www.lbopg.org) and [www.lbopg.com](http://www.lbopg.com). Seconded by Finley. Motion carried unanimously. Johnston presented issues with current bank and presented information on Campus Federal. Discussion ensued. Hoover suggested investigation of Sam’s checks. Transfer of banking would be in October following the installment of officers. McNicholas to get a copy of what was provided to JPMorgan Chase from Daisy or from JPMorgan Chase. Johnston made a motion to transfer banking to Campus Federal after new officers were installed, get new checks, credit card and letter authorizing McNicholas to cash checks of not more than \$200.00. Finley seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Signage proof was approved and signs should be ready in two weeks.

Rules Committee –Finley reported that Graham removed everything that refers to Act but suggests specific references to Act are included. Discussion ensued regarding removal of all language dealing with separate sections since Louisiana Professional Geoscience Act does not require separate sections. Graham restated that she only removed language that was in the Act and noted addition of language regarding electronic seal.

Website – McNicholas distributed the contract for Phase II. Report to McNicholas by Friday, September 12, 2014 any revision to Phase Two contract with Usable Creative. Johnson asked if our website would allow licensees to keep a record of their continuing education. Discussion ensued. Finley suggested a downloadable form that licensees can use to record and then submit their record to the Board. It will be the licensee’s responsibility, not the Boards, to record their continuing hours and submit a statement to the Board at the time of renewal that they have met the required continuing education requirement for renewal. Licensing Application Review Committee Reporting needs discussed. Wording of work experience section language distributed by Finley. Perry suggested a revision. Discuss ensued. Revise the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, last sentence to read “Only geoscience activities will be considered; Non-geoscience environmental or engineering activities do not qualify you to be a Geoscientist.” Finley also requested that language be added in the Credential section noting that only licenses should be uploaded.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – Already supplied in Rules. Graham clarified that the electronic seal language provided was from the professional engineer’s rules. More discussion ensued and noted that further discussion would be under Other Business section (b).

Other Business –

a.) License Plates - Perry distributed handout and presented information regarding Louisiana PG license plates. It would require a legislative act in the Spring of 2015. Initial cost is \$3,500. LBOPG would need 140 license plates sold to recoup the cost but then would receive \$25 for each plate sold after the initial 140 plates were sold. Board would need to decide by January so will be on December agenda for discussion and implementation.

b.) What needs a seal – Perry stated that the State makes the determination, not the Board, of what must be sealed. Johnston presented the issue that organizational documents or collaborative documents, where geoscientists do not have final edits, should not require geoscientist’s seal. It must be a final version, not a draft, and the geoscientist has the final say before it is sealed and the document requires a seal. Perry clarified that it is a protective measure. Discussion further ensued. Graham confirmed that a PG must have a seal and Board determines what requires a seal. Next meeting decide a list of what must be sealed. Johnston suggested Board members circulate comments prior to next meeting.

c.) McNicholas reported on meeting with MS Licensing Director and ASBOG secretary, Rick Erickson. Board proctors the test. Testing applicants submit a proctoring fee to the Board. One month prior to the exam date, the applicant must provide a complete application for GIT/PG and

paid licensing fee to Board. Board then sends ASBOG authorization form to the applicant. Applicant sends completed form and payment for exam directly to ASBOG. Erickson also suggested to defray the ASBOG expense to Board, Board should partnership with state schools to use Fundamental exam results to assess their geology program. Students are on path for PG license with a GIT license. Erickson has volunteered MS licensing board to proctor Spring 2015 test for LBOPG since we will just be starting with non-grandfathered applicants.

d.) Kumar giving lecture on salt domes, 3 two hour sections, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Next meeting will be September 23, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. Reconfirmed that all Board meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. October 14 and 28 will be the next meeting dates after September 23, 2014.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Johnston, seconded by Finley. Motion passed unopposed. Kumar adjourned meeting at 3:35 p.m.